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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

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1. ETHIOPIAN CHARGE TODAY TOLD US THAT, AS INDICATED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE, ETHIOPIANS WERE PLEASED WITH RESULT OF THEIR VISIT TO BELGRADE. HOWEVER, HE SAID, THERE WERE NO CONCRETE RESULTS FROM THE EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS. ETHIOPIANS ARE INTERESTED

IN INCREASING EXPORTS TO YUGOSLAVIA AND YUGOSLAVS INDICATED THEY HAD NOT YET DECIDED ON PARAMETERS OF POSSIBLE TRADE RELATIONSHIP. A YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATION WILL VISIT ETHIOPIA IN APRIL TO GIVE CONCRETE FORM TO DISCUSSIONS.

2. CHARGE SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF ARMS PURCHASE BY ETHIOPIANS. HE ADDED THAT YUGOSLAV ARMS ARE BEING USED BY ERITREAN REBELS AND HAVE REACHED LATTER THROUGH UNSPECIFIED INTERMEDIARY. WHEN ASKED ABOUT REFERENCE IN COMMUNIQUE TO SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA, CHARGE SAID THIS OBVIOUSLY DID NOT REFER TO ERITREA. YUGOSLAVS, HE SAID, HAVE MADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLEAR THEIR BELIEF THAT ERITREA SHOULD REMAIN PART OF ETHIOPIA.

3. ACCORDING TO ETHIOPIAN CHARGE, VISIT WAS ARRANGED ON VERY SHORT NOTICE AND LOCAL EMBASSY RECEIVED LITTLE, IF ANY, ADVANCE NOTICE OF VISIT.

4. COMMENT: BASED ON ABOVE INFORMATION IT APPEARS THAT YUGOSLAVS HAVE MADE CLEAR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF A NONALIGNED FRIEND EVEN THOUGH THIS PUTS THEM AT ODDS WITH SOME OF THEIR ARAB FRIENDS.
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